Month	2001-02 Qty. in Kilo Litres	2001-02 Amount in Rs. Lakhs	2002-03 Qty in Kilo Litres	2002-03 Amount in Rs. Lakhs
August	7688.119	1200.242	7659.441	1299.032
September	7565.632	1196.885	7114.794	1208.055
October	8113.207	1266.485	8176.858	1434.790
November	8060.465	1259.447	8120.513	1428.139
December	8481.438	1325.468	8912.896	1512.830
January	9105.635	1421.633	9070.506	1582.619
February	8774.990	1368.102	8714.274	1556.920
March	9505.921	1429.714	9865.842	1871.405
TOTAL:	95036.945	14830.278	97524.815	16788.517

Month	2003-04 Qty. in Kilo Litres	2003-04 Amount in Rs. Lakhs
April	8190.599	1618.310
May	8143.447	1521.863
June	7643.435	1389.862
July	8276.077	1503.185
August	7928.602	1437.327
September	6946.463	1304.720
October	8414.953	1584.400
November	8814.304	1640.515
December	9353.157	1761.137
January	9621.030	1896.345
February	9297.895	1839.866
March	9661.815	1921.036
TOTAL:	102291.777	19418.566

(b) to (f) As reported by Coal India Ltd. no such incident of pilferage of diesel worth lakhs of Rupees has come to the notice of the management of Northern Coalfields Limited. However there have been some stray cases of diesel theft. Since January, 2004 four cases of diesel pilferage involving a total quantity of 285 litres were detected and FIRs lodged. In another two cases involving a total quantity of 215 litres, departmental action has been initiated.

Road map for coal sector

2225. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governemnt have constituted an Expert Committee to carry out a comprehensive review and draw up a road map for the coal sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the composition and terms of reference of the Committee; and

(d) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) It has been decided to constitute an Expert Committee for comprehensive review and recommending a road map for the Coal Sector in India with the following composition:

(i) Shri T.L. Shankar, IAS (retd.) — Chairman

(ii) Shri J.J. Irani, Director, TATA

(iii) Shri K. Sengupta, former CMD, Coal India Limited

(iv) Shri V. Sridharan, Sr. Visiting Fellow, TERI

(v) Shri S.K. Mahajan, former Advisor (Coal & Mines), Planning Commission

(vi) Shri S.P. Sethi, Advisor (Energy), Planning Commission

(vii) Shri Pradeep Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal- Member Secretary of the Committee.

The Committee may co-opt such other individuals as it may deem necessary.

The terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:

(i) Measures for meeting the demand-supply gap in coal in the short medium and long-term.

(ii) How to improve productivity of man and machinery in Indian Coal Sector, particularly in Coal India.

(iii) Introduction of cutting edge technology in Coal Sector.

(iv) How to convert Central Mines Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) into a Centre of Excellence for Planning and Research in Coal Sector.

(v) Other matters that the Committee may consider important for the general improvement in the functioning of the Coal Sector.

(vi) Examining the merits of opening up trading in coal.

(vii) Examining the current policy of providing captive coal mining and considering recommendations which might reduce the demand-supply gap.

(d) The Committee will submit its report within a period of three months.

Irregularities in the sale of coal

†2226.SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to conduct C.B.I. investigation in the matter related to irregularities found in the sale of coal;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details of irregularities committed in the sale of coal; and

(c) the officials responsible for the said irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) Complaints are received from time to time on misuse of coal by some linked consumers in the non-core sector who commit the following types of irregularities:

(i) draw coal in the name of non existing/non functioning unit.

(ii) even when the unit is functioning, a large part of the coal drawn is sold off in the market at a premium.

Wherever such instances are brought to notice, they are verified and if found to be taking place, coal supplies are immediately stopped. Where any official is found to be responsible, appropriate departmental action is also taken.

The issue of misuse of coal by linked consumers in non-core sector was discussed at a high level meeting in Kolkata on 24.11.04 and it was decided to take up intensive verification of bonafides of such consumers by the vigilance units of coal companies.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.